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97 Chevy S10 2WD V6 Excessive Tire Wear?

My truck has been great. It has 115,000 miles on it, and has very few problems over the years. But, in the last year or 2, I have noticed that my tires are wearing out very rapidly on the outside of the front. It's not just one side either, both sides are wearing at a very rapid rate, but the drivers side seems to be worse than the passenger, but not by a whole lot.

I rotate the tires every 10,000 miles or so, and even switch sides and front to back when they get rotated from time to time. Have the ball joints gone bad? If so, how much would you approximate it would take to get them replaced labor included?

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BTW, I forgot to mention that I have had the front end aligned 3 times in the last year or so alone, so it's not that... But, every time I take it back, it's again out of line. I only drive on highways with it, so I don't know what in the world could be throwing it out of line.

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ball joints, idler and pitman arms loose

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I mentioned this to my local auto repair place and they are going to take a look at it. Thanks!

Dan

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you need to have the frond end aligned.they will check all the parts and let you know what needs replaced.as far as price in nw arkansas an alignment is approx $50

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you may just have bad front end alignment. check with a mechanic.

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Front end wheel alignment is a part of vehicle maintenance. Could be the bearings or the ball joints or something else. Go to a wheel alignment specialist you find that is reasonable and get an estimate of the repairs. A temporary fix will save the tires a while until you get the dough to make the front end fix if needed.

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first it sounds like you need to have a front end alignment done. Your doing good by rotating the tires at regular intervals, also keep a routine check on tire pressure, that will help. Depending on where you are in the country would depend on price of alignment. figure 50-100 as for ball joints call your local garage and check the price--matter of fact call several and compare. THe front end alignment will also check for ball joint wear, keep in mind if they are replaced you will have to align front end anyway. Check with places like firestone, meineke and some local garages.

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